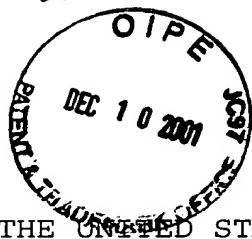


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Examiner : D. Romeo
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Applicant : Hermann Oppermann, et al.
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New York, New York
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Hon. Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to reply to the Restriction Requirement dated July 2, 2001. With the extension, a response is due on or before December 3, 2001 (December 2, 2001 being a Sunday). A check in the amount of \$1,440.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(4), is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of

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